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**The MassINC Polling Group**  
**The CommonWealth Beacon Survey**  
Survey of 1,002 Massachusetts residents  
Field dates: October 16 – 20, 2023

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Don't know / refused	7%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Maura Healey is doing as Governor of Massachusetts?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Don't know / refused	18%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Elizabeth Warren is doing as Senator of Massachusetts?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Don't know / refused	13%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Ed Markey is doing as Senator of Massachusetts?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Don't know / refused	27%

Would you say you approve or disapprove of the job the Massachusetts State Legislature is doing?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Don't know / refused	21%

How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

All the time	3%
Most of the time	14%
Some of the time	53%
None of the time	24%
Don't know / refused	6%

How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Massachusetts to do what is right?

All the time	5%
Most of the time	32%
Some of the time	46%
None of the time	12%
Don't know / refused	5%

What is one area where Massachusetts is leading the country as a whole? **OPEN END.**

Education	21%
Healthcare	16%
Nowhere, Negative comment	10%
Civil Rights, Equality, Diversity	9%
Location	8%
Jobs, Economy	7%
Social Services, Welfare	5%
Taxes	4%
Gun Control, Crime, Safety	3%
Immigration	2%
Politics, Progressivism	2%
Other	9%
Don't know	13%

What is one area where Massachusetts is lagging behind the country as a whole? **OPEN END.**

Housing, Homelessness	17%
Economy, Cost of living	12%
Taxes	10%
Transportation, Infrastructure	9%
Nowhere	6%
Location	6%
Government, Political culture (partisanship, transparency, efficacy)	5%
Immigration	5%
Crime, Guns, Police	3%
Social services	2%
Everywhere	2%
Education	1%
Environmental protections	1%
Other	10%
Don't know	16%

Do you think Massachusetts' best days are ahead of us, behind us, or happening right now?

Ahead of us	42%
Behind us	27%
Happening right now	10%
Don't know / refused	22%

Do you think the United States' best days are ahead of us, or behind us, or happening right now?

Ahead of us	28%
Behind us	48%
Happening right now	5%
Don't know / refused	19%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life for you and your family today?

Excellent	8%
Very good	24%
Good	36%
Fair	23%
Poor	9%
Don't know / refused	<1%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in Massachusetts today?

Excellent	7%
Very good	21%
Good	35%
Fair	26%
Poor	11%
Don't know / refused	1%

Compared to other parts of the country, do you think the quality of life in Massachusetts is better, worse, or about the same?

Better	49%
Worse	14%
About the same	32%
Don't know / refused	6%

For each of the following groups of people, do you think living in Massachusetts is better, worse, or about the same compared to elsewhere in the country?

<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know/ refused
Undocumented immigrants	46%	16%	23%	16%
U.S. citizens	37%	15%	44%	4%
People who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual	58%	10%	23%	9%
People who identify as heterosexual	33%	11%	48%	8%
People who are Black	33%	17%	39%	11%
People who are Latino	37%	10%	41%	12%
People who are Asian	33%	11%	42%	14%
People who are white	38%	12%	45%	4%
Women	45%	8%	42%	5%
Men	30%	10%	54%	6%
People who are transgender	52%	12%	22%	15%

In general, do you think Massachusetts should welcome people facing persecution and violence elsewhere, or not?

Yes, we should	41%
No, we should not	36%
Don't know / refused	23%

Massachusetts is the only state in the country with a "right to shelter" law, which requires the state to provide shelter to families and pregnant women. Do you support or oppose this law?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	9%
Don't know / refused	5%

Recently, thousands of migrants have come to Massachusetts, many of whom are currently being housed in the state's emergency shelter system. Overall, do you support or oppose housing migrants in the emergency shelter system?

Strongly support	23%
Somewhat support	32%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	23%
Don't know / refused	5%

Since Roe vs Wade was struck down, people have come to Massachusetts seeking abortion services. Overall, do you support or oppose health providers in Massachusetts providing abortion services to people from out of state?

Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	10%
Don't know / refused	9%

Do you agree or disagree with Governor Maura Healey's statements that the state's abortion laws are a competitive advantage in attracting people to Massachusetts?

Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	32%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know / refused	17%

Do you agree or disagree that the state's commitment to LGBTQ+ rights is a competitive advantage in attracting people to Massachusetts?

Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	33%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know / refused	18%

Massachusetts spent \$750,000 earlier this year on advertising in Texas and Florida portraying Massachusetts as a safe place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Do you support or oppose this advertising campaign?

Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	23%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	22%
Don't know / refused	13%

How do you think Massachusetts is doing compared to the rest of the country in each of the following areas?

	Doing much better	Doing a little better	Doing about the same	Doing a little worse	Doing much worse	Don't know / refused
<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>						
Housing costs	2%	5%	14%	30%	46%	4%
Overall cost of living	3%	6%	16%	33%	38%	3%
Availability of jobs	12%	30%	35%	10%	7%	6%
Immigration laws	11%	25%	25%	10%	18%	10%
Crime levels	8%	26%	34%	16%	10%	6%
Environmental policy	12%	32%	32%	8%	4%	11%
Tax levels	3%	8%	26%	31%	26%	7%
Traffic	4%	7%	26%	30%	29%	4%
Higher education	37%	27%	21%	6%	4%	5%
K-12 education	20%	29%	29%	8%	5%	9%
Healthcare quality	31%	30%	21%	8%	5%	5%
Public transportation	8%	24%	26%	19%	17%	6%
Arts and culture	24%	34%	27%	3%	2%	10%
Childcare costs	4%	9%	28%	27%	18%	13%
Government transparency	8%	21%	36%	11%	12%	12%

## Demographics

Gender:	Man	48%
	Woman	51%
	Non-binary	1%
	Some other way	<1%
	Don't know / refused	<1%
Age:	18-29	22%
	30-44	24%
	45-59	25%
	60+	29%
Race:	White	73%
	Black	7%
	Latino	10%
	Asian	7%
	All other / multiple	3%
	Don't know / refused	<1%
Party ID:	Democrat	34%
	Republican	14%
	Independent / other	47%
	Don't know / refused	5%
Education:	High School or less	32%
	Some college, no degree	26%
	College graduate (BA/BS)	24%
	Advanced degree	18%
	Don't know / refused	<1%

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## About the poll

These results are based on a survey of 1,002 Massachusetts residents. Responses were collected by online survey October 16 - 20, 2023. The data were weighted to reflect known and estimated population parameters for race, age and gender, education, geography, and political identification. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.4 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. This project was conducted by The MassINC Polling Group and sponsored by CommonWealth Beacon.